I. What aspect of the project are you are most excited about?

welcoming public space downtown

central vibrant hub to Santa Cruz - the diversity of uses, especially the rooftop space

excited to see a building in the heart of downtown that is not only for commercial use

unexpected social connections - the opportunity to meet people

welcoming space to take a pause or have a chat downtown

The roof deck - a community way to use the roof

putting affordable housing downtown, as a part of the community

next level "Abbott Square" aka a community gathering space

the collaboration between housing, daycare, and the library - this contributes to the vibrancy of downtown

being in the center of it all

next generation of readers growing up in the building

MAH/Abbott Square/Library connection

II. How will you use the Community Room?

Community room in tandem w/ smaller meeting rooms - a variety of different sizes

Santa Cruz Shakespeare

Board Meetings for the Friends of the Library

flexibility

Groups up to around 100-150 (perhaps as many as 300 to accommodate the largest groups)

Munching with Mozart

poetry readings

I have talked to a few parents with school-aged children in the community. Many have expressed a desire for walls/partitions that can close that block sound and children from running out

Round tables - facilitate conversations between people with different points of view

Hybrid programming—digital and in person - space for large screens

tech meet ups

groups of students, both in large and small groups

friends of the library

Author events

visibility/ supervision while still maintaining acoustic separation

create space - animation, maker space

YOUR EXPERTISE

III. What types of events would you like the library to hold?

Author Readings

Cultural events

Poetry Reading

Partnerships with Social Services

Business Training Presentations - for business owners

Public outreach meetings

Moth-like storytelling events

Employment Training

Family Friendly events

Theater Company Productions

Osher Life long learning

Life Literacy Center

IV. What words would you use to describe the current downtown library?

Uncomfortable

dilapidated

too hot/too cold

A place to go to pee!

helpful staff

feels locked down

sense of history

Genealogy research

1970s

dark

broad collection

no teen space

'70s were cool too

ugly

Fluorescent lighting

Public bathrooms

brown

diverse media (periodicals, dvds, CDs)

sad

worn out

upstairs art displays

V. How would you describe an inviting area to read in the library?

Comfy Chairs

Well lit, but not harsh light

Sense of coziness

friendly small groupings of seats

fresh air

green wall

reading tables

place for local artists to exhibit

high ceilings

Ability to look out a window

place to set down your books/bags

influence of plants

lots of light

views

inviting seating (smaller groups)

table so your stuff isn't on the floor

place to set your belongings in the restroom

VI. What values should a civic building represent in the 21st Century?

In Santa Cruz?

welcoming

open to everybody

everyone in community is represented and feels welcome

accessibility (able to be used by all)

celebrating cultural diversity

free to all

place to learn about each other (and nobody charges us for the experience)

place for the exchange of ideas

green building

environmental values

accessibility (getting to and from the library is easy)

flexible & resilient

forward thinking

adaptable

sense of history

place to be proud of

Q & A

How do we provide comfortable use for all?

Library entry cannot be intimidating

a space for art

the library is first and foremost

How can the library reflect the physical setting of Santa Cruz? The ocean, forest, downtown?

facilitate use of bathrooms by the public - proximity to entry

civic heart

bathrooms - easy to get to, and clean

place to set your belongings in the restroom

How can the library connect sub communities - students, surfers, artists?

some way to honor the old library

place for strollers